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1. THE JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS BEEN TRYING WITHOUT SUCCESS SINCE JULY 8, WHEN IT HAD ITS LAST DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM ON THIS SUBJECT, TO MEET WITH THE CHINESE AND WRAP UP REMAINING FEW DETAILS IN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON CONSULAR OPERATIONS IN SHANGHAI AND OSAKA. CHINESE KEEP SAYING THEY ARE "TOO BUSY" JUST NOW. SOME JAPANESE OFFICIALS HERE WHO HAD INTIAILLY BEEN INCLINED TO SEE THIS STALLING AS ANOTHER EXPRESSION OF CHINESE DISPLEASURE OVER THE TAIWAN AIRLINK AND FLAG ISSUE, NOW SAY THEY THINK IT JUST AS LIKELY, OR MORE LIKELY, THE CHINESE ARE HOLDING BACK IN HOPES OF EXTRACTING A BETTER DEAL FOR THEMSELVES ON CONSULATE PREMISES IN OSAKA. THE CHINESE WANT SOMETHING BIGGER THAN THE FORMER ROC CONSULATE BUILDING AND APPEAR UNCONVINCED THAT TO GET SOMETHING BIGGER THEY

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WILL HAVE TO PROCURE IT FOR THEMSELVES ON THE REAL ESTATE

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2. CHINESE, WHO HAD TURNED DOWN THE JAPANESE PROPOSAL THAT SHANGHAI CONSULAR DISTRICT INCLUDE FOUR ADJACENT PROVINCES AND PROPOSED INSTEAD LIMITING THIS DISTRICT TO PRIMARILY SHANGHAI CITY PROPER (IE.E. NOT EVEN THE WHOLE OF THE SPECIAL MUNICIPALITY),MAY IT SEEMS NOW BE AMENABLE TO GRANTING THE SHANGHAI SPECIAL MUNICIPALITY IN EXCHANGE FOR GREATER OSAKA.

3. THE CHINESE WOULD AGREE TO, AND THE JAPANESE RELUCTANTLY ARE GOING ALONG WITH, ONLY A VERY VAGUE FORMULATION ON CONSULAR OPERATIONS, AS FOLLOWS:

-- THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL, EACH IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS, PROVIDE EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE (YU YI JIN KE NENG DE XIE ZHU) TO THE OTHER SIDE'S ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONSULATE GENERAL AND PERFORMANCE OF CONSULAR FUNCTIONSVM

-- PROBLEMS IN THE CONSULAR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND INTERNATIONAL CUSTOM, AND (MOREOVER) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY AND IN A SPIRIT OF CONSULTATION.

4. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IS SEEING VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HAN NIEN-LUNG MORNING JULY 28 AND CONSULAR AGREEMENT IS ONE OF THE SUBJECTS HE REPORTEDLY PLANS TO RAISE.
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